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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, PINT, PK, AF

SUBJ: BHUTTO SUGGESTS TALKS WITH AFGHANISTAN

REF: KARACHI 1562

1. PRIME MINISTER BHUTTO'S OFFER TO NEGOTIATE DIFFERENCES WITH AFGHANISTAN (REFTEL) IS INTERESTING IN LIGHT SEVERAL HIGH LEVEL COMMENTS MADE TO ME OVER PAST TWO WEEKS.

2. AFGHAN OFFICIALS INCLUDING PRESIDENT'S BROTHER NAIM, DEPUTY PRIMIN, DEPFONMIN, MIN OF JUSTICE ALL HAVE STRESSED AFGHAN WILLINGNESS NEGOTIATE CURRENT PROBLEMS WITH PAKISTAN. WE BELIEVE THIS IS A REFLECTION OF PRESIDENT DAOUD'S DESIRE NOT TO GO BEYOND A WAR OF WORDS AND NOT TO BECOME EMBROILED IN A COSTLY FOREIGN DISPUTE AT THIS STAGE IN AFGHANISTAN'S DEVELOPMENT.

3. AT SAME TIME AFGHANS WILL NOT DROP THEIR DEMAND FOR SELF-DETERMINATION FOR PUSHTUNS AND BALUCHIS IN PAKISTAN AND WILL REFUSE TO AGREE THAT THIS DEMAND CONSTITUTE INTERFERENCE IN INTERNAL PAK AFFAIRS. THEREFORE THE BEST THAT COULD COME OUT OF ANY PAK-AFGHAN TALKS WOULD CONFIDENTIAL

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BE AN AGREEMENT TO PUT ASIDE THE BASIC ISSUE AND

PROCEED TO DEVELOP COOPERATION AND SOLVE PROBLEMS  
(E.G. PIA/ARIANA) IN OTHER AREAS.

4. DESPITE THESE CAVEATS AND THOSE CONTAINED REFTEL,  
EMBASSY ISLAMABAD MAY WISH SEEK INFOMAL LOW-KEY  
OPPORTUNITY SOUND OUT APPROPRIATE LEVEL GOP OFFICIALS  
TO DETERMINE SERIOUSNESS PAKISTAN'S INTEREST IN TLKS.  
OBVIOUSLY INITIATIVE WOULD HAVE TO BE NON-U.S.,  
BUT LOW-KEY INQUIRY FROOPAKISTAN TO AFGHANISTAN ON  
INTEREST IN A CONFIDENTIAL WORKING-LEVEL MEETING MIGHT  
PRODUCE MORE INFORMATION ON SERIOUSNESS BOTH SIDES TO  
BEGIN MORE PRODUCTIVE DIALOGUE.

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